



# America West Heritage Center Farmland Preserve



**Description:** The farm ground surrounding the Jensen Historical Farm, home to the American West Heritage Center, supports the agricultural operation of the center. Without these alfalfa fields, the American West Heritage Center could not be fully self sufficient and the Center could not demonstrate the authentic, historic practice of farming which has been a hallmark of the Center's national and international visitation.

**Location:** 4405 South Highway 89/91, Wellsville, Utah

**Acreage:** 15.89 acres

**Grant funding:** \$100,000

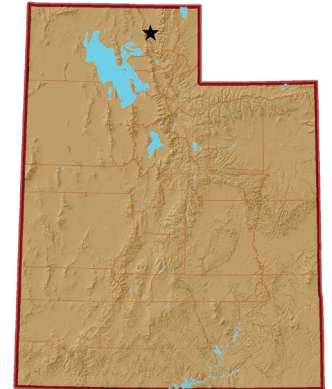
**Total Project Cost:** \$220,242

**Grant Awarded:** August 2000

**Partners:** Utah Open Lands and Utah State University

**Local Support:** Cache County, Sen. Lyle Hillyard, Town of Wellsville, Utah State University

**Conservation Easement Held by:** Town of Wellsville



## Public Benefits

**Historical Significance:** The farmland has for generations served for livestock as well as the current alfalfa crop production. The Jensen Historical Farm demonstrates 1850 type farming practices.

**Viewshed/Scenic Quality:** Conservation of this land will protect the entry corridor and in part, preserve the scenic values and character of the Cache Valley.

**Recreation:** The preservation of this land is not just about its agricultural significance, but further it preserves a way of life that is rapidly disappearing in the West. Without the surrounding open farm fields, the tourist development of the American West Heritage Center, at the Jensen Historical Farm would not be possible.

**Agricultural Land:** Current crop production includes irrigated pasture and alfalfa.